

Greetings friends!

Thank-you for your willingness to pray for me and receive my updates as I begin my adventure in the Philippines! I am excited to tell you about this opportunity I have to serve God through Christian education.

The spring I graduated from Briercrest Seminary with an MA in Theological Studies. Since then, I have been looking for opportunities to involve myself in ministry, especially in the area of theological education. This summer that primarily took the form of supply preaching, but I have always felt called to serving God in overseas missions. Since before I finished my thesis, I have been in contact with TeachBeyond, a Christian organization that focuses on sending and equipping missionary teachers. Through TeachBeyond, I found an opportunity serving at Faith Academy in Manila, Philippines. Faith Academy is an international Christian school offering pre-K to Grade 12 education to the children of missionaries and international workers. I have been offered a position at Faith Academy teaching Middle School Bible and Computer classes.

As you most likely know, I have always enjoyed spending time with children and teaching them about the bible, such as at bible camp. This opportunity allows me to utilize the gifts and passions God has given me by teaching children about Christ while supporting missionaries and immersing myself in a cross-cultural context.



Me, Mum, and Christian at my seminary graduation

My initial commitment is for two years, but I could potentially be there longer, depending on God's leading. There is also the potential for future opportunities serving with TeachBeyond in post-secondary theological education in the Philippines. There are about 370 million Christians in Asia but 85% of churches report having a leader with little or no pastoral or exegetical training. By teaching at a seminary in the Philippines, I could help pastors in Asia be properly trained in theological education so they may continue to serve God in their home nations.

So they can have affordable tuition and be available to as many families as possible, Faith Academy's staff all raise their own support. This gives you an opportunity to partner with me in my ministry in the Philippines. The best way to support me financially is through monthly pledges. Information on how to do this is included at the bottom of this letter.



Faith Academy, Manila

Regardless, the most important thing I need is for people to partner with me in regular prayer. I will only succeed in teaching these children the bible through the direct will of God. Please pray for my own humility and compassion as well as that I adapt well to life in the Philippines. Please also pray for my future students, their families, and the other teachers and staff at Faith Academy.

I would also love to hear from you. Send me an email at [tloken@teachbeyond.org](mailto:tloken@teachbeyond.org). I'd love to talk in person before I head out at the beginning of September

God bless you friends,

Trevor Loken

How to support me through financial giving:

- Give online at <https://give.teachbeyond.org/support/trevor-loken>
- Send a check to TeachBeyond along with a note designating your gift is for:  
Trevor Loken # 30198
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